

"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING  
GROUP 1656"

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
MECHTHILD RIEPING, ET AL. : EXAMINER: STEADMAN  
SERIAL NO: 10/076,416 :  
FILED: FEBRUARY 19, 2002 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1656  
FOR: PROCESS FOR THE :  
FERMENTATIVE PREPARATION OF L-  
AMINO ACIDS USING  
ENTEROBACTERIACEAE STRAINS  
WITH ATTENUATED POXB GENES

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.